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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

The following Amendments and Remarks are submitted for entry into the application filed on January 23, 2001. This Preliminary Amendment is submitted prior to the first Office Action on the merits in the above-captioned case. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following new claims.

30. (New) A method for a data communications system, the method comprising: receiving data in a transport overhead field by at least one network element, the data providing a source identifier and a destination identifier; and using the data in the transport overhead field to provide end-to-end services.

31. (New) The method of claim 30 wherein the transport overhead field is a J1 field in a SONET communication packet.

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application:

- (1) Return Receipt Postcard;
- (2) This Transmittal Letter (in duplicate); and
- (3) Preliminary Amendment (5 pages);



No additional fee is required.



The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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	Claims Remaining <u>After Amendment</u>		Highest No. <u>Previously Paid For</u>		Present <u>Extra</u>		Rate		Additional Fee
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- Conditional Petition for Extension of Time: If an extension of time is required for timely filing of the enclosed document(s) after all papers filed with this transmittal have been considered, an extension of time is hereby requested.
- Please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-2386 in the amount of \$ 610.00
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